



## **Tioga County Legislative Worksession Minutes** **July 5, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.**

### **Legislators Present:**

Legislator Hollenbeck  
Legislator Monell  
Legislator Mullen  
Chair/Legislator Sauerbrey  
Legislator Standinger (*arrived at 1:05 p.m.*)  
Legislator Sullivan  
Legislator Weston

### **Legislators Absent:**

Legislator Huttleston  
Legislator Roberts

### **Guests:**

Matt Freeze, Morning Times Reporter

### **Staff Present:**

County Attorney Peter DeWind  
Legislative Clerk Maureen Dougherty  
County Treasurer James McFadden (*arrived at 1:18 p.m.*)

### **Call Meeting to Order –**

Chair Sauerbrey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

## **Community Options New York**

Chair Sauerbrey stated that first on the agenda is Community Options of New York. They reached out to Marte, actually somebody came in and presented to both Peter and Marte. They wanted to come and present their program and Marte said that she was going to take it before the Legislature and we will go from there. Community Options of New York is a Youth Employment Services Program and it is supporting persons with disabilities that reside in our County. They serve local youth ages ranging from 14 to 21 and this process helps them figure out what they want to do with their career and they get work experience. It is a paid internship for one individual up to 160 hours of paid work and wages are paid by Community Options of New York, and they are able to provide coaching support on a short-term basis if there is an individual that needs that support.

Legislator Monell inquired if this is mentally challenged or physically challenged.

Chair Sauerbrey stated that she is going to use the word politically correct "persons with disabilities. Yes, physically, mentally.

Legislator Monell indicated that it is like ARC. ARC has pulled in their horns and they are not doing anything anymore.

Legislator Sullivan indicated it is something like Achieve also.

Legislator Monell stated that Achieve is not doing all the things that they have been doing, so these people are doing this.

Legislator Hollenbeck indicated that Achieve had lost some funding.

Legislator Monell indicated that a whole bunch of people lost their help.

Chair Sauerbrey indicated that when they were in Achieve they worked all the time and they had contracts for things, packaging and so they were very productive, but these are for people who have career goals and they want to get out there and figure out if they can do this, and it is paid by this agency. There are two things to this. First of all they did it in Broome County so they are going to try Tioga County, which is great. We could say yes we think it is a good idea, but I think that we need to speak with Department Heads because this could create additional work for Department Heads.

Legislator Monell stated so they want them to come to work for the County?

Chair Sauerbrey stated yes, somewhere.

Legislator Weston indicated that it is probably very similar to having a student teacher.

Legislator Monell indicated that the problem is as she said it is going create supervision issues for somebody, somebody has to supervise these people.

Chair Sauerbrey indicated that they do have a client in Tioga County who is interested in Information Technology in the computer field. We could say yes, but how that could impact the Department Heads I have no idea.

Legislator Sullivan inquired if any of these possible candidates, ages 14 to 21, do they have any related educational skills or work experience?

Legislator Mullen indicated that he has an issue with the age, 14 to 21, you are going to have a 14 or 15 year old running around in Information Technology. I can speak to mental disabilities because my son is mentally handicapped, you are not putting him in Information Technology, you are not putting him up in Social Services. It is way too broad and I think if you are looking for people to help and develop what they want to be at that young age I think you are kind of taxing the Department to come up with something that they can do, that a 14 year old kid who is mentally or physically handicapped, isn't that a little young to say let's put him in a County Government position?

Chair Sauerbrey stated Broome County is one thing and the Executive says it is going to happen and you people take care of it. Well we are so thin here when it comes to staffing.

Legislator Hollenbeck indicated that he agreed with what Chair Sauerbrey said is bring it to the Department Heads and get a little feedback. It is going to be a supervision problem.

Legislator Mullen said you need to look at what disabilities there are.

County Attorney Dewind stated that he believes what Chair Sauerbrey was asking is do we want to explore this and enter into like a base relationship with them to say if you have people and we have a need maybe we can have your people work in our facilities, but I think it would be case by case, maybe not all Departments, not all potential clients would fit.

Legislator Mullen agreed that it will need to be a case by case thing.

Legislator Weston stated that it could be in Buildings and Grounds, there are a lot of places in Buildings and Grounds a person would be able to work.

Chair Sauerbrey stated that it would have to be the right person and the right circumstance. I guess I am looking for guidance from the Legislature how they want me to respond to their request.

Legislator Mullen indicated that we need more information about the specifics.

Legislator Sullivan stated that she imagines there are so many categories.

Legislator Weston stated that he would first of all call Binghamton and find out from them who they have had working there and what type of person and were they happy with the way things were going. Just a little scenario of how it all worked out. They should be able to tell you and help us to make a better decision. I know that not all handicapped people have the same handicaps and so on, but we have handicapped persons.

County Attorney Dewind stated that they have a person working in the County Executive Office and one working in the Law Unit over there. I have not talked with them to see how it actually worked out. They were doing contract file management. They had old things that they were helping to kind of sort out and scan.

Chair Sauerbrey indicated that what she will do is she will research this some more and bring it back.

Legislator Sullivan inquired how long the program has been going on at Broome.

County Attorney Dewind stated that the MOU was signed March 13, 2018.

Legislator Sullivan stated that Broome does not have a great deal of experience yet. If there are any other Counties that have done this for a few years they would be better suited to give us input. Secondly, do they have a website? I would like to know how it would be funded.

Chair Sauerbrey stated that she is not going to spend a lot of research on this.

County Attorney Dewind stated that he will send what they sent to us and that does include a PowerPoint presentation.

### **Approval of Worksession Minutes – June 21, 2018:**

Legislator Sullivan motioned to approve the June 21, 2018 Legislative Worksession minutes as written, seconded by Legislator Mullen with Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standing, Sullivan and Weston voting yes with Legislators Huttleston and Roberts being absent. Motion carried.

### **Action Items:**

#### **ACTION ITEMS FROM JUNE 7, 2018:**

#### **ACTION ITEM #2- 6/7/18 – Property Demolition Committee –**

County Attorney DeWind will draft a letter of response to the Village of Waverly for Chair Sauerbrey's signature. Chair Sauerbrey stated that the County Attorney has created a draft letter in response to the letter that we got from the Mayor of Waverly and he did send it to Dale and me. Legislator Weston indicated that he had read the letter. Chair Sauerbrey stated that it was in response to the Mayor wherein he indicated that the County had told them a few years ago you were still working on this, so we want to know are you still working on it or what is the rule going to be? Legislator Weston stated that he has a bunch of things written done, but based on what Chair Sauerbrey and Legislator Sullivan have sent to him, no one has sent anything else to him. Chair Sauerbrey stated that regarding the letter since that time she has met with the Mayor of Waverly as requested by Legislator Mullen and we went down. We did talk about a different subject regarding the land bank, but while we were there we talked about getting help from the County regarding demolition costs of properties. We do have an ongoing conversation with the Mayor, so I thought that in response when we write this letter back to him, we should say yes we had a discussion, yes we are working on it and we do not have a decision yet. That is what we said in the letter more or less. Legislator Mullen indicated that he felt we were good there. There are a lot of things that I do not want us to make a rash decision at this point because there is a lot things in play that I think might flush themselves out and we have the time to let them flush out. **This action item will be carried forward from the July 5, 2018 Legislative Worksession.**

### **Legislative Support – Legislative Clerk Dougherty:**

#### **Approval of Legislative Support Committee Minutes – June 7, 2018:**

Legislator Monell motioned to approve the June 7, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Legislator Standing with Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Sauerbrey, Standing, Sullivan and Weston voting yes and Legislators Huttleston and Roberts being absent. Motion carried.

Legislative Clerk Dougherty reported the following:

- The July Legislative Meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. in the Hubbard Auditorium. The Finance/Legal Committee will meet prior at 11:00 a.m. (time change due to County Treasurer not being in attendance for Finance) in the Legislative Conference Room.
- Legislator Monell will do the prayer and pledge and start the voting process at the July 10, 2018 Legislature meeting.
- Employee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 – Amy Poff has been selected.
- Attended a Leader's Meeting on June 27, 2018.
- Legislative Budget is tracking well.

### **Recognition Resolutions (1) –**

- **Recognize Tim Jewell's 25 Years of Dedicated Service – Sheriff's Office** - Legislator Mullen will read and present at the July 10, 2018 Legislative meeting.
- **Recognize Edward Barry's 10 Years of Dedicated Service – Information Technology & Communication Services** - Legislator Sullivan will read and present at the July 10, 2018 Legislative meeting.

### **Proclamations (1)–**

- **Drowning Prevention Awareness Month** - Legislator Sullivan will read and present at the July 10, 2018 Legislative meeting.

### **Resolutions:**

All resolutions were reviewed for the July 10, 2018 Legislature meeting with discussion occurring on the following:

- **Award Contract Radio Consulting Services State Interoperable 17 Grant** – Legislator Sullivan indicated that she was a little bit confused, in the title of the resolution it states Award Contract Radio Consulting Services and in the body of the resolution it states that they are going to contract with Federal Engineering. Legislator Mullen stated that they are the company who is picking up from Blue Wing. Legislator Sullivan stated that they are not just consulting service. Legislator Mullen stated that it is finishing up the project.
- **Authorize Sale of County Owned Properties Acquired for Delinquent Taxes** – Treasurer McFadden stated for the first time in his days, a property in the Town of Owego, Sydney Makenzie Trust, that is a nice house up in Crestview Heights, I have never foreclosed on a house in Crestview Heights, nice house, nice neighborhood. She is years behind on the taxes. She went to an Attorney about a month ago and he filed an answer to the County Judge. I have never seen that before. They have a right to do it, usually they will do it in March, April or May, but they just did it and the County Judge has decided not to sign our foreclosure paperwork that we sent down 10 days ago and is giving these people their day in Court, this Monday at 9:30. County Attorney Dewind is going to go and my Paralegal to the Court on Monday. It will be interesting to see what defense he is going to throw. County Attorney Dewind stated that there is a lot of stuff about notice and who was listed. Treasurer McFadden stated that no matter what happens, whether the Judge decides to give them a month delay or something, hopefully he will push to have the rest of the list signed so we can foreclose by 5:00 o'clock and record it Monday because we have this resolution for you guys to pass on Tuesday if we want to stay on track or it would take a special meeting later in the summer or whatever, until then we cannot advertise, we cannot put auction signs up or anything. Hopefully Judge Keene no matter what decision he makes we can move forward with the other ones. Legislator Sullivan inquired if there was a cutoff date for them to respond or whatever they do. County Treasurer McFadden indicated that any time after the initial paperwork they

can respond. We sent her a notice of foreclosure in January that they signed the return receipt and all that. Any time from January until June they can respond and get on his docket. This has never happened before. We are going to have two resolutions one with or one without it. Legislative Clerk Dougherty indicated that it would probably be best to pull the resolution and late-file it for Tuesday instead of putting it through today because it will be posted this afternoon. After further discussion it was decided to pull the resolution and late-file it for Tuesday.

### Other:

- ✓ **Reports Standing/Special Committees** – Legislator Sullivan stated that as far as special committees, we do not file anything with the Legislative Clerk’s Office nor do we get a report at the regular meeting. The Special Committees are always reported on at worksessions. I would propose that we just take out the word “Special”. All in attendance agreed.
- ✓ **Appropriation of Funds Social Services** – Legislator Weston went back to this resolution inquiring about mobility management services. What is that basically doing? Legislative Clerk Dougherty indicated that this is the 5311 funds that are granted by Federal Transit Administration. Legislator Standinger stated that it is basically pass through money. There is no cost to the County.
- ✓ **Budget reminder** – Chair Sauerbrey stated that as a reminder in each of your committees next month, August, Departments will be presenting their budgets for you to look at.
- ✓ **Performance Appraisals** – Chair Sauerbrey wanted to remind all Legislators that everyone had received their performance appraisals and it is the time of year to get them done by September.

### Finance Presentation – County Treasurer McFadden.

County Treasurer McFadden indicated Rita is off this week and he is off next week. He wanted to brief the Legislature on a few things as he will not be here for Finance. Sales tax is up 10.4% at the end of May. It went from 9-1/2% up to 10.4%. This is the first five months compared to the first five months last year. Legislator Standinger inquired if that was the result of the gas price increases. County Treasurer McFadden stated that everyone keeps saying that, but inflation is 2% and going back to the Federal tax changes, our employees are getting \$13,000 extra with each paycheck that in the past went to the IRS. I know it is only like \$30 or \$40 a paycheck, but when you multiple that by Lockheed and all workers people are spending it. Legislator Monell indicated if the 10% increase, it is 10% of what? We are like 20 million for the year. County Treasurer McFadden said it is and we will get a couple more of transfusions within the next week or two, so when I see you again we will have six months compared to six months and that will give us a good idea that we have probably gone from 10 million to 11 million, something like that. We will see how it goes in the next couple of days.

Another thing is we got another check from Tioga Downs, their occupancy tax. We had some nice phone calls with their Finance people back in May and the point of discussion was when they comp rooms to gamblers is that a taxable event? To make a long story short, we convinced them that it was and so although they are not collecting the 12% from those freebies, they do have to cough up the 12%. Once we got that straightened out back in early May they sent us a check this past week for the second quarter, \$33,000 and \$15,000 more from the first quarter. They are filling a lot of rooms with comps. It was like \$800,000. Legislator Sullivan indicated that this is revenue we had not counted on. Chair Sauerbrey stated that this is hotel/motel tax and it goes for tourism. County Attorney McFadden stated that they almost made up closer to \$16,000 from the first quarter, which means they also had to send another \$16,000 to State sales tax so we will get \$8,000 back from that, all on this

definition of comps. 2% of their revenue, they took in like over \$800,000, 2% was exempt, so that is probably their employees who work a double shift and then sleep there. That was a nice surprise. Hopefully we will keep that up. Legislator Sullivan inquired if we were going to get two quarters of that added sales tax that is going to come our way? County Treasurer McFadden stated that it is going to boost, probably the money we get next week will be up at least \$8,000 more just from this catch up that they have paid.

Legislator Weston inquired if there is a way of considering what they have done as to what the other people that have the same facilities have done? Have they dropped off? Other hotel/motel. County Treasurer McFadden stated that any given hotel, the amount that is exempt is usually somewhere between 0% to 15%. These navy pilots staying at the Treadway or something like that, a religious conference or something like that, military, any military that is on business is going to get comp. If it is a big hotel in Albany because of all State workers or county conferences it might be closer to 20% or something like that. Legislator Weston inquired about the other places here, Treadway or whatever they are and they are taking in \$100 a year and all of a sudden down here at Tioga Downs they are taking in \$200 a year, that is \$300 a year increase, but is it hurting the others? County Treasurer McFadden stated that it is a little too early to tell after just six months of Tioga Downs, but that is something we will be looking at as their vouchers come in as they pay us their occupancy tax. We know that the Everest Group in Apalachin seems to be hurting, they are not paying any tax. They are going to get in trouble with the State sales tax. We whipped up this tax warrant, Everest did not pay their accountants, so back in January their accounting firm from Montrose dropped them. We contacted them just the other day and they do not know who they went to if they went to an accounting firm. What we are doing is we are just taking the same revenue that they claimed in 2017, we are plugging in the same revenue, the same 4% they should be sending us so that we can work in initiating our next tax warrant, all on best estimates. Legislator Monell inquired if we are going to end up owning a hotel here. County Treasurer McFadden stated that the Treadway is behind again, but they did bring in some big chunks. They got caught up in the winter months, so they are trying at least.

Finally, other good news, with these 13 properties that hopefully we are foreclosing on Monday that are going to the land bank, because we are tax exempt and the land bank is tax exempt, last week I wrote a letter that Real Property Director Terie Huseby wanted me to write and I got Chair Sauerbrey to sign it, Real Property Director Huseby took it and she is giving it to those three assessors with the whole idea to try to convince them that it looks like for the next year or two these 13 properties are going to be exempt under us or the land bank and if we move quick by July 1<sup>st</sup> Real Property Director Huseby sends the tax base to the Waverly School system and the Owego School system when they put their budgets together in August and she has just heard from the assessors Tuesday that they are willing to go along with this and they are putting these 13 properties in the exempt section, which lowers the tax base for the school systems. The school taxes will be a dime higher or whatever, but the idea is the school tax, it is too late for village taxes, they are out there right now, but when the school tax bills come out, it will be 0. When they come into my office they will 0. When they get relieved onto the Town and County it will be 0 if they come in, I do not think they are going to get a credit. My point is the village bills are not going to be paid so they will come into our office, but I was looking at maybe \$31,000 in delinquencies that you guys would have to write off next year because of this land bank transfusion, now it is going to be more like \$8,000 or \$9,000. It will be around \$20,000 school taxes that will not come out. The bad news is I thought that by July 1<sup>st</sup> we would own the properties because we sent the list down to the Judge and now it is being held up on this Makenzie. Real Property Director Huseby is here Monday, she goes on vacation Tuesday, so she ran it by the assessors, they are on board with

it, but if the school systems heard about it they could cry foul because we still don't own it, but hopefully if the Judge at least approves the list with or without Makenzie and then the last thing Real Property Director Huseby is going to do this Monday before she goes on vacation is to send the tax base to the three schools or BOCES wherever she sends them. If it gets delayed another month then we will have to send the regular base and the school taxes will come out.

Rita will be back on Monday and you could probably push back Finance. You might want to push it back to 11:00 a.m. Chair Sauerbrey stated that there is a Press Conference at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, as most of you know Senator Akshar secured the County a grant for providing services for drug and alcohol problems in the jail and it was like \$156,000. He is doing a Press Conference at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office. It was decided to change the Finance meeting to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

### **Other:**

- ✓ **Everest Group** – Legislator Monell inquired of the County Attorney if there was anything from the Everest Group. County Attorney Dewind indicated there was not. We got payment that they brought in and dropped off and that was it. We filed our warrants and judgment. We recently got another State warrant where they took our warrant and readopted it and refiled it. They are still not turning in the money though. After we filed our warrant the State filed their own warrant. If you look in the Clerk's Office there are our files and our warrant. Our warrant technically expires after a period of time, it just puts everyone on notice that there is a debt outstanding, especially if they try to go get some capital or borrow some money. The State then filed its own that has a longer expiration date. Legislator Chair Sauerbrey inquired if this was over sales tax. County Attorney Dewind indicated that it is the same as ours. Chair Sauerbrey indicated if they did not pay their sales tax the State should close them down. There are people staying in that hotel.
- ✓ **Demolition Committee discussion** – Legislator Sullivan stated that with County Treasurer McFadden being gone next week that is going to delay some of the information we had asked him to get. It is not a great deal of money, like \$8,000 or so that the Treasurer explained we were going to get, but we need to consider what to do with it and maybe we start building a demolition fund. Chair Sauerbrey indicated this is something to think about. We talk about taking these properties down and who pays for it. It was suggested allocating money from our Tioga Downs money and putting it in a reserve, building that up and using that money for demolition properties. Legislator Sullivan stated that that can be one source and I agree with a comment Legislator Weston had made, we retain the proceeds from auctions every year and we use that to fund operations and Legislator Weston said we should always reserve that money for demolition. Right off the top it affects our budget, part of June's revenue that he uses to cover his budget every year and if we put those monies in a demolition pot we still have to pay for County Treasurer's budget. Overtime I agree with Legislator Weston that we probably should not rely on that money. We should make a demolition account if you will and overtime hopefully we can build it up with the foreclosure money as well as some of the Tioga Downs casino money, but I am still very much in favor of some kind of account. Legislator Mullen stated that it is absolutely necessary. These code enforcement, fire marshals and assessors they have got to talk. These properties just do not wait, they are not dilapidated in one day. For years they have been collecting these taxes on these properties that are not worth a plug nickel and now all of a sudden they are relying upon this money. There is no incentive and no one is communicating.



Chair Sauerbrey stated that this should be pondered because maybe this month, the second meeting the Budget Officer will come to us and say how do you want the Tioga Downs money allocated. Legislator Monell stated that the first question he would like to have answered is how much money has been spent on demolitions aside from the \$585,000 or \$600,000, that is an anomaly. This has been ongoing for a long time and only happened one time. All these other properties, you are talking \$5,000, \$10,000 for them to be demolished, so what is that number? Legislator Sullivan stated that a year or two ago we talked about this and the County Treasurer did provide us some of that information, but we have not seen it in a year or two and so that is on that list of questions that I asked the committee to get from the County Treasurer. Legislator Mullen stated that we are kind of limited to the Villages pretty much. One of the prerequisites is regardless of the cap or not, there has to be forced communication. Legislator Monell stated that there needs to be some kind of thing in place that says these people communicated with somebody to find out whether this is a good idea or not before they just went ahead and did it and if they are not going to do that then I do not think we should have any standing in providing them with anything. Chair Sauerbrey inquired of Legislator Weston the questions that Legislator Sullivan specifically gave to Legislator Weston, have you now given that to Jim and asked him to provide that data? Legislator Weston stated that he had not because a lot of them were questions that have to be answered by us. Legislator Sullivan stated that the questions that are for us to discuss and decide, for me I cannot decide on them until I have the answers to the questions. There were some County Attorney questions, some Budget Officer questions, and some County Treasurer questions. What has it been costing us per year, which is what Legislator Monell just asked, for demolition costs. Legislator Weston stated that that is a question we have asked before, but when we started asking that question then we all got bogged down and last time we talked about it, talked about skin in the game and I do not think that that is the right approach to do it, to tell people that they have to do things until after you have asked them to comply with what we are asking of their own volition. Legislator Hollenbeck stated that is why he thinks a cap would address that because then they would have to.

Chair Sauerbrey inquired if Legislator Sullivan could resend those specific questions and then direct them to give us an answer by the next worksession. Legislator Sullivan indicated she would resend the specific questions to those involved. Legislator Standinger stated that if the appropriate municipalities we have been having difficulty with and I do have some inside information, specifically the Town of Owego and I asked about what they do for a demolition. They indicated that they first of all do an asbestos survey and they pay for that and then if it has to be demolished they go out for bids after the asbestos has been taken care of. The survey is around \$1,000 roughly depending on the size and scope and then the removal if there is removal is generally less than \$10,000. The demolition might be \$10,000 to \$20,000 depending on what is there. Really \$30,000 is a pretty realistic number and as far as grass mowing on dilapidated properties the Town just takes care of it, they do not throw that in as a chargeback. They never have. Legislator Sullivan inquired if part of that process was to lower the assessment on the property. Legislator Standinger indicated he did not know the answer to that question. Legislator Monell stated that in reality the Town of Owego probably has not demolished a whole lot of properties in their history. Legislator Standinger indicated that they have a system in place, which had that same system been used by Waverly we would not have had such a big problem.

Legislator Mullen stated that he agreed with everybody. There needs to be a level of tough love here. Chair Sauerbrey and I are in unique positions that we represent Villages and the Villages have a lot of properties that people complain about. Waverly has got 25

properties they have identified. Chair Sauerbrey stated that two things we made progress today, we are considering new options for getting funds to take properties and now these questions that need answering are going to be taken care of so we will be able to make a decision. Legislator Monell stated that if the Towns and Villages know that there is money available to help them with the demolition, then they will be much more aware and likely to ask us for our help and opinions. Chair Sauerbrey stated that it is very critical that we convey to them that they cannot take these properties down until they go into foreclosure because the Village of Waverly has a list of properties that they want taken down now, whether they are in foreclosure or not, that is what the community people are saying. Legislator Sullivan inquired if we have a countywide assessor association or something? I think they do. Every municipality is driving their own ship in this regard. They have their own code enforcement people, they have their own assessment people, and they have their own fire commissioner. I think what needs to happen, but we have to be cautious because it is not our business and we cannot give the impression that we are driving the ship, but it seems to me that if they have an association, if they really care about this kind of thing, they would have all their assessors get together, compare notes, what is like the best practice for assessing, what is the best practice for code enforcement. Legislator Mullen indicated that we could offer them appropriate training or something.

Chair Sauerbrey stated that Real Property Director Huseby would be very interested in working on this. Legislator Sullivan stated that this is where this tough love comes from. If we make it clear to those who hold the purse strings in the Towns and Villages that we are not going to help them unless you help yourself. So they agree and the first time someone does not show up to a meeting of the joint people we pick up the phone and say your little pocket of money coming out of the County is starting to go down because your guy refuses to come and attend these meetings. Legislator Monell stated that you are creating another position for someone to keep track of all the people that have to be kept tracked of. Chair Sauerbrey stated that she will fly this by the Real Property Director. Legislator Hollenbeck inquired if the Legislature is in favor of a cap as a whole? Chair Sauerbrey stated that she thinks it is mixed, but I do think there are a majority of people sitting at this table that would support a cap. Legislator Mullen stated that he thinks a cap is going to be very generous.

Legislator Sullivan stated that County Treasurer McFadden has the numbers on properties that were taken down. One location in Apalachin cost \$23,000, another location in Apalachin cost \$30,000, one in Candor was \$36,000 and was cleanup costs prior to demolition. They are all over the place and County Treasurer McFadden can tell us everything that we made on the foreclosure auction. I agree with Legislator Weston we should be earmarking some of the auction money for this purpose. I would love to go back and get the last 10 years worth of data and how many years' worth of foreclosure was wiped out in that \$680,000 bill we had to pay. Legislator Weston stated that we had a \$600,000 income from up in Newark Valley. Legislator Sullivan stated that she calculated the total profits from 2009 to 2013 and the highest year was \$718,000 in 2011. Then it went down to \$109,000 the year after and \$62,000 the year after that. Chair Sauerbrey stated that averaging out those numbers you just threw out at me is about \$45,000. Legislator Sullivan stated that analogy from the years 2006 through 2008 I am sure that the cost of doing this here in 2017 was a whole lot higher and that is the information we need from the County Treasurer.

**Executive Session:**

With no confidential topics for discussion, an Executive Session was not necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Next worksession scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Maureen Dougherty, Legislative Clerk